

REMARKS

The undersigned thanks Examiner Hayes for the telephone interview of 6 June 2002 in related application Serial No. 09/731,536, wherein claims 16-25 were allowable and claims 1-15 were canceled by amendment faxed to the U.S. Patent Office on June 6, 2002. It was agreed that the subject related application Serial No. 09/815,434 would be allowable if claims 16-25 were canceled and a Terminal Disclaimer was filed.

Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 16-25 are canceled and a Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed to obviate double patenting of U.S. Patent No. 6,269,348 B1.

Applicant has amended Figs. 2-5 and 8 to replace acronyms with labels fully identifying the drawing elements. Approval is requested of the amendments shown on the enclosed red-lined drawings.

Attached is a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made by the current amendment.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments are understood to place this case in condition for allowance. If there are any questions remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.



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In the specification:

Page 20, paragraph 1, lines 1-7 are amended to read as follows:

In FIG. 5, TP 426 determines which biometric-PIN from the BPID subsystem 504 is responsible for a given subdivision of the biometric database. In one embodiment, one BPID processor 506 is responsible for identifying people with PINs [1-10] N1-N10, another BPID processor 508 is responsible for identifying PINs [11-20] N11-N20, and a third BPID processor 510 is responsible for identifying PINs [21-30] N21-N30. For example, all messages from the PIA containing a PIN that equals the number 30 would be routed to BPID processor 510 for identification of the payor.

In the claims:

Claims 16-25 are canceled. ✓